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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §1.98(d)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, enclosed are copies of an international search report and eight (8) references in chronological or alphabetical order, for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references are listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

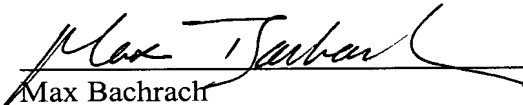
Identification of the foregoing references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since that form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited."

Applicants request that the Examiner review all the references identified on the attached revised PTO Form 1449, and that they be made of record in the file of the above-identified application.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission as it is being submitted prior to a first Office Action issued in this case. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER**DATE CONSIDERED**

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